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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

JOSE RAMON HERNADEZ

Defendant,

Case No.: 97-228 (PG)

NOTICE OF APPEAL

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, Jose Ramon Hernandez, Defendant, by and through the undersigned counsel and pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure Rule 4, files this notice of appeal from the final judgment of this Court [docket 232].

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I certify that on this day December 22, 2004 I personally file the instant pleading using the CM/ECF electronic court filing system which will send an electronic copy to Mr. Timothy Henwood, Esq. AUSA counsel for plaintiff.

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